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Looking to the future in faith

The Weekly Link

14th to 21st April 2024



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*We extend a warm welcome to visitors and anyone worshipping with us for the first time
Please join us for coffee which will be served in the Wesley Centre after the Service*

Sunday 14th April

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mr Philip McSweeney

Join us in Church or via Zoom (contact Andy Pollitt ☎ 07947 341022 if in difficulty)
Meeting ID 977 0049 9660

Hymns : 331 – King of Kings

556 – Just as I am

655 – We cannot measure how you heal

615 – Let love be real

Readings: Acts 3 w 12 - 19 read by Mike Richardson
Luke 24 w 36 - 48 read by Catherine Barnett

Prayer for the week

Loving God, how thankful we are
that You hear us when we call out to You.
When troubles come, You offer us strength.
When in distress You offer a quiet centre.
When injustice rages, You offer Your peace.
When nights seem endless, You offer presence to still our frightened hearts.
When we feel weak and lame, You offer us new ways of living in You.
You are the one who offers gladness in our hearts,
and a hope and a future.

AMEN

This week's activities

Sunday 14th April

10.30 Morning worship led by Mr Philip McSweeney

8.00pm Church Fellowship and Study Group Contact John Rushton on wj.rushton@gmail.com or Richard Oldroyd ☎ 517163. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us!

Monday 15th April

10.30am Monday Luncheon Club to 1.30pm Arrive from 10.30am, but there is no set time. We provide an excellent meal at reasonable cost. Any of our congregation and friends are welcome. If you have a disability and need transport, we can arrange it.

1.30 p.m. CRAFTandCHAT – new members always welcome

7.30 p.m. Table Tennis

Thursday 18th April

12 noon Midweek Communion Service

1.30 p.m. Almondbury TOTS
to for babies, toddlers and their carers

3.00 p.m.

Sunday 21st April 10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by the Reverend Peter Catford

Regular Activities this month (April)

Wild Church	Sundays	9.30am	7 th
Morning worship	Sundays	10.30am	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th
Church Fellowship and Study Group	Sundays	8.00pm	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th
Lunch Club	Mondays	10.30am	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
CRAFTandCHAT	Mondays	1.30pm	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
Table Tennis	Mondays	7.30pm	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
Open House	Tuesdays	from 10.30am	9 th , 23 ^d
Zumba Gold	Wednesdays	7.00pm	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th ,
Zumba Gold	Thursdays	9.45am	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th
Midweek Communion service	Thursdays	12noon	18 th
TOTS	Thursdays	1.30pm	11 th , 18 th , 25 th ,

MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) was founded 81 years ago in 1943 by a group of Methodists who wanted to improve the quality of life of older people in the time before the creation of the Welfare State. Whilst we are open to providing care and support to people of all faiths and none, we continue to have strong support from Methodists as well as other Christians to this day.

Today, MHA continues to provide care, accommodation and support to older people across Great Britain thanks to the commitment and dedication of its 6,500 colleagues and 3,000 volunteers.

MHA Sunday is 9th June. Watch this space!

What are other Methodists Doing?

Keighley is the second most deprived area in the district of Bradford, outside of the city centre. The shop Pre-Loved meets a need, helping families who are working, but struggling to make ends meet. It is one of the New Places for New People projects of the Yorkshire West Methodist District.



The project began in a dream experienced by Revd Nel Shallow, one of the Pioneer Presbyters, before she moved to the area in 2021, "One day, I was walking in the town, chatting with people and I came into the Royal Arcade and there was the shop that I had dreamt about, available to be rented. It was unbelievable."

The plans moved on quickly as the circuit wondered how to start a New Places for New People project. Revd Clare Sainsby, Superintendent Minister in the Yorkshire West District, called a circuit leadership team meeting and it was agreed they would rent it but they were unsure how they were to use it at the time. Soon they decided to open a shop to sell pre-loved children's clothing.

A unit nearby was also empty and they decided to rent it and expand their offer to include toys, books and a space to chat and offer activities for children.

"The reaction has been fantastic. Because we are within the community of the arcade, there's a kind of chaplaincy that happens. We have had really good conversations with clients and with the other retailers. A few people asked us to pray for them and often people come in and ask why we're here," says shop manager Sarah.

Passionate about the Methodist Way of Life many members offered to volunteer at the shop while others wash and iron the donated clothes. "We have a lovely group of people who make fabric bags for us. We don't use any plastic bags, but we bless people with these amazing fabric bags when they buy anything," explains Nel.

Pre-Loved is just the beginning. The circuit wants to develop the relationships that had started to form and offer more to the community. So, when an Anglican building became vacant, the circuit decided to rent it to further its mission.

The team does not yet have a fixed project for the building, but they want to cement the relationships they built with local families by focusing on activities they can join and enjoy. The building is a blank canvas and they intend to fill it up with what the community needs.

Netherton Methodist Church is hosting a **Spring Concert** with the New Mill Male Voice Choir on Saturday the 18th May at 3pm. Tickets £10 available from church or nethertonmc@outlook.com.

SMASH Food Share Local food bank every Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon at St Michael & St Helen's Church, Fleminghouse Lane, Almondbury. A box is available in the Church foyer for anyone who would like to donate. Items regularly needed are tinned and packeted goods, rice, biscuits, cereals, children's treats, cordials to dilute, long life milk, jam, peanut butter, tinned rice pudding, tinned mackerel/sardines, washing powder/liquid, home cleaning products, toiletries and toilet rolls.

Welcome Centre Please also remember the work of the Welcome Centre. Donations of food and toiletries can be made at the collection points in local supermarkets.

Notices for next week to the Revd Philip Barnett (☎ 01484 522954 or email philip-barnett@sky.com) by 6.00 pm Thursday 18th April please.